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FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
Kosovo Business Support (KBS) Program	Kosovo Business Support (KBS) program as part of the overall KEG is focused on revitalization of Kosovo economy by stimulating employment and increasing private investment in the small and medium enterprise sector. KBS program assistance is directed to supporting SME-s in key functional areas and SMEs in financial distress for turnaround, broad support to the business community through training programs, sector analyses, trade and investment linkages and works on developing a cadre of Kosovar consultants to leverage and sustain project activities. KBS has helped over 300 clients with strategic business services support, and has provided intensive "training-of-trainer" courses covering a range of fundamental business management practices and tools to over 200 Kosovars. KBS has also launched a comprehensive accounting and audit training program through the newly established Society of Kosovar Accountants and Auditors, a professional association supported by both USAID and the World Bank. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Export Promotion	550,000
		Business Services & Training	1,100,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	550,000
		Activity Total	2,200,000
Kosovo Employment Generation (KEG) / Kosovo Business Finance (KBF)	The USAID/Kosovo mission is implementing a program called Kosovo Employment Generation (KEG). It is composed of two distinct but coordinated components: Kosovo Business Finance (KBF) and Kosovo Business Support (KBS). KBF supports the recovery and revitalization of small and Medium enterprises (SMEs) in Kosovo by providing a SME credit facility and supporting the establishment of a full banking service in Kosovo. KBF loan fund has already approved approximately \$8.0 million in SME loans to over 285 clients, many of whom were identified through the KBS program. In addition, the American Bank of Kosovo (ABK) was established in November 2001 and has already mobilized almost \$16 million in deposits. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Customs Operation & Administration	350,000
		Export Promotion	350,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	2,800,000
		Activity Total	3,500,000

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Promoting Economic Development in Kosovo Through Civil Society	Prioritized support for strengthening the ability of Kosovar business and policy community to participate in the policy development processes; to enhance the ability of local economic policy groups to develop indigenous policy prescriptions and participate in dialogue with international and local stakeholders; to improve long term sustainability of these organizations through improving their strategic planning capabilities, funding sources, and professionalism; to improve the ability of Kosovar business community to understand policy development and articulate its needs through voluntary membership based business associations; and to improve the viability of Kosovar business associations through assisting them in creating sustainable dues-paying membership bases. As part of this support Reinvest has organized 5 international round table forums : Privatization, Taxation Policy, SME Finance and Development, Pension Reform and Local Economic Development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Business Services & Training	200,000
Support for Economic Growth and Institutional Reform/ Economic Policy and Institutional Reform in Kosovo: Competition Policy	USAID is supporting the economic policy and institutional reform process in Kosovo through a comprehensive technical and training support program, which is being increasingly directed to the new provisional institutions self-government of Kosovo (PISG). This follows up on the development of a basic commercial law framework. To date, core commercial law regulations governing privatization, company law, pledge, sales, foreign investment, accounting, and pensions have been adopted. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	315,000
Support for Economic Growth and Institutional Reform/ Economic Policy and Institutional Reform in Kosovo: Customs Administration	USAID is supporting the Customs operation and administration in Kosovo through a comprehensive technical and training support program, which is being increasingly directed to the new provisional institutions self-government of Kosovo (PISG). This follows up on our technical support program with Pillar IV on UNMIK. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Customs Operation & Administration	245,000
Support for Economic Growth and Institutional Reform/ Economic Policy and Institutional Reform in Kosovo: Infrastructure Development	USAID has supported the development of critical legal and regulatory framework for the operation of the power, water, solid waste, and telecommunications sectors, which, once approved and implemented, will establish a strong regulatory enforcement system for improved operation of the major utilities; and provide strong incentives for private sector participation in the provision of vital infrastructure services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	Physical Infrastructure Development	1,470,000

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Support for Economic Growth and Institutional Reform/ Economic Policy and Institutional Reform in Kosovo: Legal & Institutional Reform	USAID's economic restructuring support strategy for Kosovo is based upon four fundamental precepts: First, a sound macroeconomic policy framework and administrative implementation system must be developed and implemented. Second, privatization must be addressed to ensure that existing capital and organizational resources are utilized in a manner that contributes maximally to economic recovery and expansion. Third, a market-friendly commercial law regime and effective institutional framework for the protection of property rights and appropriate adjudication of market disputes must be developed and implemented. Finally, the entrepreneurial capacity of the private sector needs to be harnessed, and the institutional constraints that limit its ability to respond to an improved economic policy environment and stable macroeconomic conditions need to be addressed. USAID is supporting the economic policy and institutional reform process in Kosovo through a comprehensive technical and training support program, which is being increasingly directed to the new provisional institutions self-government of Kosovo (PISG). This follows up on our technical support program with Pillar IV on UNMIK; through which we have supported the establishment and operationalization of the Central Fiscal Authority (CFA) and the Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo (BPK), and the formulation of an over-arching privatization strategy. To date, core commercial law regulations governing privatization, company law, pledge, sales, foreign investment, accounting, and pensions have been adopted.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,470,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to KOSOVO			9,400,000